MiSSG Manual for Aid Administrators





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OVERVIEW OF MISSG

MiSSG allows financial aid professionals, referred to as School users, to work with student records, clear errors, run reports, and perform awarding tasks such as certification, requesting reimbursement, and award adjustments. MiSSG also tracks and posts quarterly payments from SSG to postsecondary institutions for the supported grant programs.

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MISSG USER ACCOUNTS

College Security Access Forms

For college financial aid professionals to have access to MiSSG, they must complete the College Security Access Form. A username and temporary password will be assigned by Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG) and emailed to the authorized MiSSG user.

MiSSG Security Levels

When an aid administrator is determining which MiSSG security levels to assign to staff, they should reference the hierarchy diagrams found on the MiSSG portion of our Web site. The diagrams detail which menu items and features the user has access to. Access levels must be assigned for each program within MiSSG.

'View-Only' Users can:

- Email SSG through MiSSG portal
- View award program data
- View school profile
- View school transactions, history, and payments
- View student records, transactions, and payments
- View school eligibility rosters

'Update' Users can:

- View and perform everything that 'View-Only' users can
- Update school profile, contact information, and records
- Add comments to records
- Clear ineligibility reasons from student records (such as citizenship, residency, etc.)
- Certify student enrollment and award amounts
- Request reimbursements
- Receive payment emails
- Request award reinstatement

'Administrator' Users can:

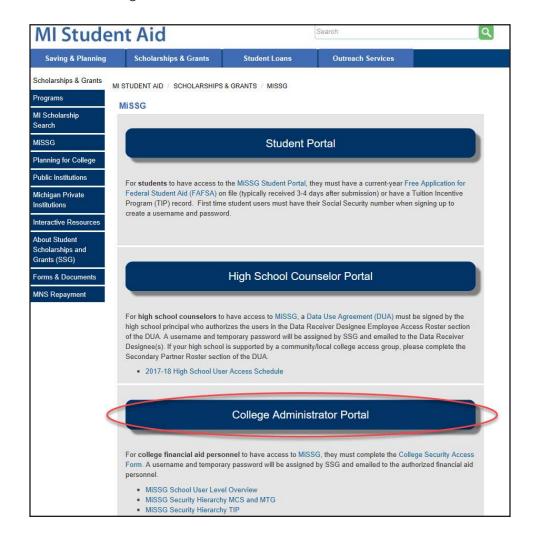
- View and perform everything that 'View Only' and 'Update' users can
- Make award payment adjustments
- Edit the school's annual budget

MiSSG User Profiles

MiSSG user profiles are designed to receive an auto-generated email when a student processes an institutional transfer via the MiSSG Student Portal and when a payment is made to the institution. School users of any level may opt out of receiving transfer notifications by contacting our Customer Care Center at 1-888-447-2687 or mistudentaid@michigan.gov. Auto-generated payment notification emails cannot be opted out of but will only go to MiSSG user levels assigned to the institution with Update or higher.

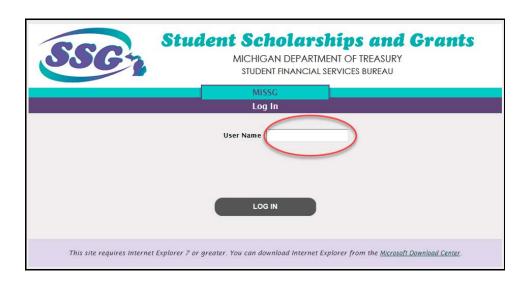
Locating MissG

Navigate to MiSSG at www.michigan.gov/MiSSG. Click the 'College Administrator Portal' button.



Logging In for the First Time

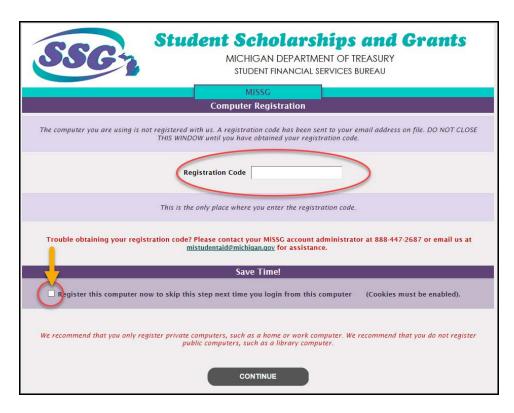
Enter your user name in the User Name box then click the Log In button. While Internet Explorer 7 is technically compatible with MiSSG, all users are strongly encouraged to use the most up-to-date version of Internet Explorer.



First Time Registration

The first time you log into MiSSG, you must register your computer.

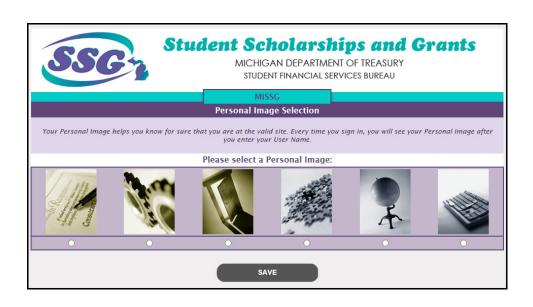
Immediately after you enter your assigned user name and click the Log In button, a new email containing a Registration Code is automatically sent to the email address associated with your user account. It may take a few minutes to arrive. When it does, enter the code into the 'Registration Code' box.

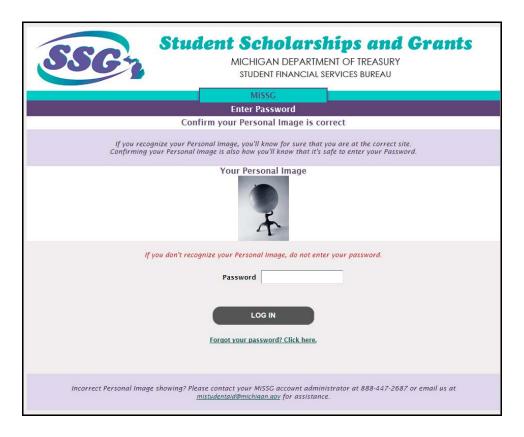


After you enter your registration code, BE SURE TO CHECK THE CHECKBOX next to "Register this computer now to skip this step the next time you login from this computer." If you forget to check the checkbox, you will have to register your computer the next time you log in.

The registration code is merely a cookie file. You should check your browser settings to see if cookies are accepted. If not, you may have to register again before your next log in.

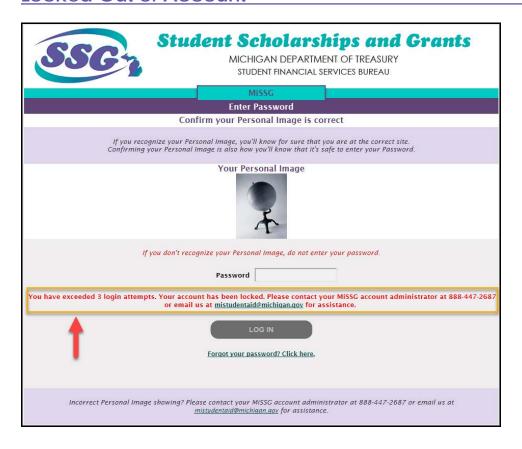
Select a Personal Image of your choice. Click the 'SAVE' button.





You will be required to change your password. The "Old Password" is the Temporary Password from your Welcome to MiSSG email.

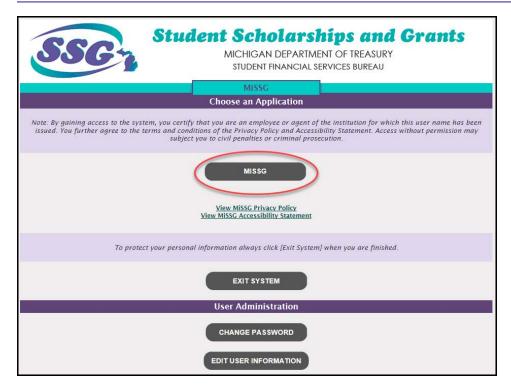




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INSIDE MISSG

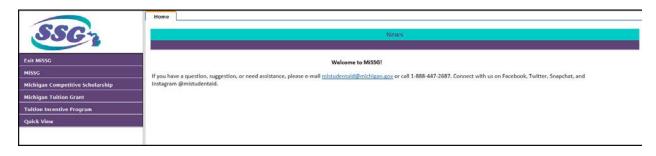
Welcome to MiSSG



Click the 'MiSSG' button.

Home Tab

The Home tab displays MiSSG news and updates frequently, providing timely processing information, deadline dates, etc.



Using Quick View

To view a student's record in MiSSG you can enter the Social Security number (SSN) in the SSN Quick View Box and click the 'Go' button. The student MUST be listed as enrolled at your institution to use the Quick View feature.

If a student has not filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or has not updated their current year records in the MiSSG Student Portal by selecting your institution as their school of choice, you will get the following error message:

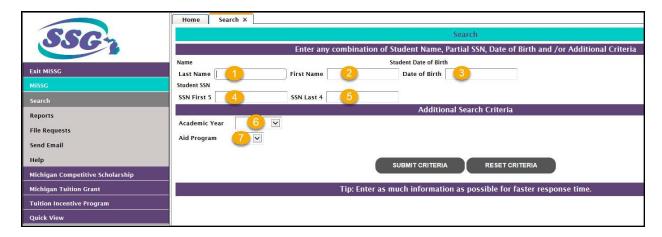


If MiSSG's records indicate that your institution is the school of choice, a student will appear like this in the Quick View.



Using MiSSG Search Feature

If you do not have a student's full SSN, you can search for the student's information by using MiSSG's Search feature. Click on the MiSSG menu item on the left navigation bar. Then click on 'Search.' You may use as many fields as needed to perform your search. Try to use as many fields as you can to narrow your initial search results. Note that not all combinations will be valid.



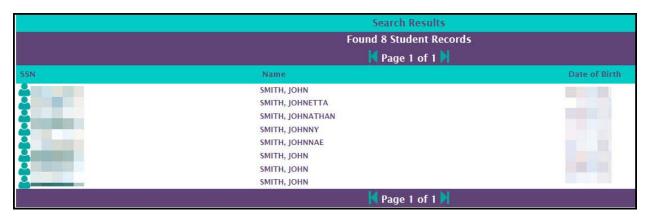
You may enter a full or last name or first name.

- 1. Last Name Not case sensitive but punctuation matters
- 2. First Name Not case sensitive but punctuation matters
- 3. Date of Birth Eight digits mm/dd/yyyy (do not type slashes in date field)
- 4. SSN First 5 Up to five digits of SSN
- 5. SSN Last 4 Up to last four digits of SSN

Additional Search Criteria

- 6. Select Academic Year from drop down menu
- 7. Select Aid Program from drop down menu

Click the 'Submit Criteria' button to begin your search.



Reports and Rosters

Under the MiSSG menu tab, report and roster options are available to assist aid administrators with identifying eligible students, determining if ineligible reasons can be cleared, providing details on remaining TIP credits, and payment information.

Reports can be exported into PDF, Excel, Word, and other programs by clicking on the floppy disk icon on the top of the screen.

Activity Reports

Eligible Students Report: Identifies students that are eligible for the selected State aid program at the institution and the current award amount. Students listed on the Eligible Students Report have indicated to our office, either through the MiSSG Student Portal or the FAFSA, that they are attending a specific institution. These reports can also be used to verify enrollment. If a student is missing from the report, please contact our Customer Care Center to request that the student is transferred (if eligible). Reports indicate Date Eligible/Transferred In so institutions can filter and award based on newly transferred students.

Ineligible Students Report: Students on this report are not eligible for the ineligible reason(s) listed. If the ineligibility reason is resolved they will be automatically removed from this report (See manual sections <u>MCS Clear Ineligible Reasons</u>, <u>MTG Clear Ineligible Reasons</u>, and <u>TIP Application Status</u>: <u>Eligible and Ineligible Messages</u>).

Ineligible reasons include:

- ACT/SAT Requirement Not Met
- No ACT/SAT on file, Application Received Past Deadline
- High School Graduation Date Not on File
- Maximum Assistance
- Not an Undergraduate Student
- Does not Demonstrate Financial Need
- Missing Information
- HS Graduation Date Not on File
- Student Did Not Self-Certify
- Years from HS Graduation Expired
- Citizenship Status
- Non-Michigan Resident
- Loan Default and/or Refund Owed on Federal Financial Aid
- Satisfactory Academic Progress Not Met
- GPA Requirement Not Met

Remaining Credits Report: Report provides the student name, SSN, Date of Birth, Total Annual TIP Credits Remaining, Total Credits Remaining, Phase II Total Amount Remaining, and TIP Expiration Date.

School Totals Report: The report includes all students with payment records for the selected academic year and aid program.

Rosters

Certification Roster: The roster includes all students with a payment record in a status of "Ready to Certify" for the selected academic year and aid program. Can be used to prepare for the certification process by downloading certification lists as a spreadsheet. The roster will differ in format from the text file that can be downloaded under 'Certification.'

- Information Roster: Contains students and additional data for the selected aid program and academic year.
- Payment Roster: Includes all students with a payment/adjustment record in a status of "Paid" for the selected year and aid program. Can be sorted chronologically.

MICHIGAN COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP (MCS) FEATURES:

School Profile

The MCS School Profile is displayed for the current academic year. To view the School Profile for an alternative academic year, select the academic year from the Choose Academic Year field. To update the school profile, click the 'Update' button, then update the information, and click the 'Save' button. Information that can be updated within the school profile are:

- School Branch
- Vendor ID
- Tax Identification Number (TIN)
- School Name, Address, Phone Number, Fax Number, Contact Name, Contact Title, Contact Email Address, Phone Number, and Fax Number

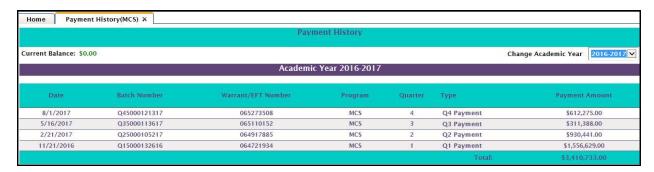
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MCS Payment History

The Payment History displays a summary of information for all payments and adjustments at the institution for MCS. By default, payments and adjustments for the current academic year are displayed. To view prior academic years, select the year from the 'Change Academic Year' option.



MCS Clear Ineligible Reasons

The Clear Ineligible Reasons displays a listing of students based on ineligible reasons of:

- Citizenship Status
- Non-Michigan Resident
- Loan Default and/or Refund Owed on Federal Financial Aid
- Satisfactory Academic Progress Not Met or GPA Requirement Not Met

The quantity of students on each list is next to each ineligible reason. In the example below, 62 students at the institution are currently not eligible due to Non-Michigan Resident status and two due to Loan Default. When one of the ineligible reasons is selected, it will provide the student SSN, name, address, and a checkbox. If your institution has documentation on file to clear the student of the ineligibility reason, check the box to do an override, and click on the 'Save' button.



MCS Certification

Exact dates for a term's certification request window are promoted through GovDelivery messages to aid administrators; however, estimated availability is Fall-September, Spring-January, and Summer-June. The certification process is conducted for the current academic year. The two methods of certifying awards in MiSSG are uploading a file to process awards in batch or using the online interface to process awards individually.

MCS Certification Rosters

Each MCS award is required to be certified prior to being included in quarterly payment files. Awards can be certified with an uploaded text file that the institution can create from the Download Roster File. The uploaded file must meet the specifications listed in the MCS and MTG Upload Certification Roster File Format which is available at www.michigan.gov/missg in the 'MiSSG File Formats for College Administrators' section.

Alternatively, certification may occur for students individually by using the online interface method. To do so, navigate to the Certification menu item under the Michigan Competitive Scholarship menu, select a term, and click the 'Certification Roster' button.

Download Certification Roster

The user selects a term and selects 'Download Roster' and the Verify Criteria interface is displayed.



The user selects 'Download File' and the File Requests interface is displayed. The file's status is displayed as "File request has been received and is awaiting processing" until it is ready for downloading. The user can refresh the File Request interface (or may select 'File Requests' from the main menu) until the download icon is displayed for the requested file. The file status will display as "The file has completed successfully." The user can save the file to their computer.

A student is in the Download Certification Roster file if a payment record exists for the term. The layout of the Download Certification Roster file is Comma Separated Values (CSV) and all fields are delimited by a comma (,) and a Carriage Return Line Feed (CRLF) at the end of each row. A student is contained in the Download Certification Roster file if a payment record exists for the term in a status of "Ready to Certify." Below is the CSV file format.

To complete certification, the file can be processed through the upload feature.

The format for All fields are de Carriage Retur	the file is "Comn elimited by a con n Line Feed (CR	RLF) at the end of each row
Field Name	Туре	Field Description
Academic Year	Numeric	Award Year (all records in the file contain the same value) Uses ending year - if the acyear is 2014-2015 this field will contain 2015
Payment Term	Alphanumeric	Term being certified (all records in file contain the same value) Valid values include: "Fall" "Winter" "Spring" "Summer"
School OE Code	Alphanumeric	School OE Code (all records in file will contain same value)
Aid Program	Alphanumeric	Aid Program being awarded (all records in file contain the same value) Valid values include: "MCS" "MTG"
SSN	Numeric	Student's Social Security Number
Last Name	Alphanumeric	Student's Last Name
First Name	Alphanumeric	Student's First Name
Middle Initial	Alphanumeric	Student's Middle Initial
Enrollment Status	Alphanumeric	Student's Enrollment Status for the term Valid values include: 'FT' - Full-time
Award Amount	Numeric	Student's Award Amount for the term - will contain decimal
Grade Level	Numeric	Student's Grade Level Valid values include: "0" – 1 ²¹ Year, Never Attended "1" – 1 ²¹ Year, Attended Before "2" – 2"d Year, Sophomore "3" – 3"d Year, Junior "4" – 4"h Year, Senior "5" – 5"h Year, Other Undergraduate "6" – Graduate/Professional "7" – Continuing Graduate/Professional
Check Count Remaining	Numeric	Student's remaining check count – will contain decimal
Federal EFC	Numeric	Student's Estimated Family Contribution (EFC)

Upload Certification Roster

The layout of the Upload Certification Roster File is "Comma Separated Values" (CSV), fields are delimited by a comma (,) and there is a Carriage Return Line Feed (CRLF) at the end of each row.

Upload Certification File Layout

Upload Certification File Layout - used to submit data to MiSSG to certify student awards

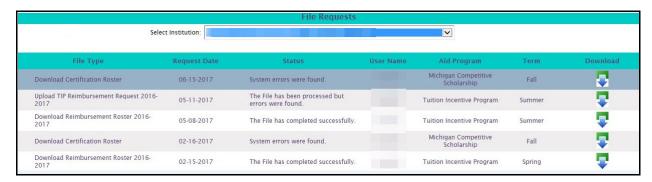
- The format for the file is "Comma Separated Values" (CSV)
- All fields are delimited by a comma (,)
 Carriage Return Line Feed (CRLF) at the end of each row

MAX Len	Field Name	Туре	Req	Field Description		
4 Academic Year N		Numeric	Υ	Award Year (all records in the file must contain the same value) Use ending year - if the acyear is 2014-2015 this field must contain 2015)		
6	Payment Term	Alphanumeric	Υ	Term being Certified (all records in file must contain the same value) Valid values include: "Fall" "Winter" "Spring" "Summer"		
8	School OE Code	Alphanumeric	Y	School OE Code (all records in file must contain same value)		
10	Aid Program	Alphanumeric	Y	Aid Program being awarded (all records in file must contain same value) Valid values include: "MCS" "MTG"		
9	SSN	Numeric	Υ	Student's Social Security Number		
16	Last Name	Alphanumeric	Y	Student's Last Name		
20	First Name	Alphanumeric	Y	Student's First Name		
1	Middle Initial	Alphanumeric		Student's Middle Initial		
2	Enrollment Status	Alphanumeric	Y	Student's Enrollment Status for term Valid Values include: "FT" = Full-time "TT" = 3/4-time "HT" = Half-time "LT" = Less than half-time "NE" = Not Enrolled		
7	Award Amount	Numeric	Y	School's Award Amount Can contain a decimal – for example, if sending an award amount for \$915, 915.00 will process th same way as 915		
1	1 Certification Alphanumeric Y		Υ	Certification Status Valid values include: "Y" – Yes "N" – No		

Upload Certification File Layout

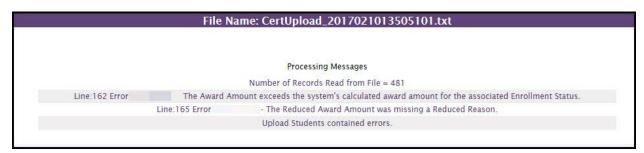
MAX Len	Field Name	Туре	Req	Field Description
1	No Award Reason	Alphanumeric	Req if Certification Status = "N"	Reason student is not receiving award Valid values include: "H" – Less than Half-time "N" – Not Enrolled – Term "Y" – Not Enrolled – Year "C" – Co-op "S" – SAP Not Met "G" – GPA Not Met "G" – GPA Not Met "O" – Overaward "L" – Leave of Absence "V" – Verification Incomplete "I" – Incarcerated "D" – Declined "P" – Ineligible Program "T" – Other
14	Reason Award Amount Lowered	Alphanumeric		School reason award amount was lowered Valid Values include: "Overaward" "Other Gift Aid" "Other"

The user selects a term and selects 'Upload Roster' and the Verify Criteria interface is displayed. The user browses to the file they wish to upload, then selects the 'Upload' button. Once the user selects the 'Upload' button, the File Request screen will be displayed. The file's status is displayed as "File has been received and is awaiting processing" until it has completed uploading.



It is important that the aid administrator checks the file request to verify if the file was successful or not. The status "The file has completed successfully" will display if there were no rejected records. Non-rejected records will have processed though. "The file has been processed but errors were found" status will display if there were rejected records.

To find out what errors are within a file, click on the status message. The status will indicate the line the error was found on and the cause of the error. The "System errors were found" status message will display if there was a problem with the file's layout. No records or awards were processed if this displays.



A record will be rejected for the following:

Reject Reason Displayed in MiSSG	Meaning		
Invalid XX value	Invalid data		
Required fields not populated	Required fields not populated		
Matching record not found for term certified	No match on SSN		
Aid Program not valid for SSN	No match on Aid Program for the uploaded SSN		
Inst OE Code in record does not match user info	No match on Institution OE Code		
Payment terms are different	No match on Payment Term		
First Name in MiSSG does not match	No match on First Name		
Last Name in MiSSG does not match	No match on Last Name		
ACYear is not current ACYear	Academic Year value in the file is not the current Academic Year		
Matching payment is not "Ready to Certify"	Payment Status on database is not "Ready to Certify"		
"Award Amount" cannot equal 0 if	Payment amount is "0" and Certification status in		
student is certified as "Yes"	file is "Y"		
"Award Amount" cannot be	Payment amount is greater than "0" and		
greater than 0 if student is certified as "No"	Certification status in file is "N"		
The "Award Amount" exceeds maximum award	The "Award Amount" cannot exceed the calculated award amount for the selected enrollment status		
No Award Reason does not match "Enrollment	If "No Award Reason" = "H" then "Enrollment		
Status"	Status" must = "LT" OR if "No Award Reason" =		
	"N" then "Enrollment Status" must = "NE"		
"Enrollment Status" does not match student	"Enrollment Status" must be "FT," "TT," or "HT" if		
certified as "Yes"	Certification Status is "Y"		

Payment will not be made for a line if any errors exist. The only exception is "No matching payment was found with a status of 'Ready to Certify.' This error is generally thrown when a second attempt is made to certify an award that was already successfully certified by a previous upload file.

Online Certification

Completing certification through the Online Certification process is a slower process compared to utilizing the Upload File process. Using Online Certification is a manual process where students are processed individually. The user indicates to certify from Pending to Yes or No. The Enrollment Status is selected. If the award needs to be reduced or cancelled, this is indicated in the field. A reason must be provided when reducing awards, i.e.:

- Overaward
- Other Gift Aid
- Other

Zero award (\$0) reasons must also have a reason given which may be any of the following:

- Less Than Half-time
- Not Enrolled
- Co-op
- SAP Not Met
- GPA Not Met
- Overaward
- Leave of Absence
- Verification Incomplete
- Incarcerated
- Declined
- Ineligible Program
- Other

Adjusting MCS Awards

If an award needs to be adjusted after the certification process is complete it can be adjusted in the Student Payment History. Enter the student's information in the MiSSG search options or Quick View. Click on 'Payment History' and select the award that needs to be updated.



Select the adjustment type, a Disbursement or Refund. A Disbursement is selected when more funds are being requested. For example, if a student was certified incorrectly at half-time and should be full-time, select the correct enrollment level, then the Disbursement section, and then indicate in the Payment Adjustment Amount field the difference between what is currently paid and what the amount is increasing to.

For instance, if a student is half-time at \$159 but should be full-time, select full-time for the enrollment status, Disbursement, then adjustment amount of \$159 (\$159+\$159=\$318 full-time semester award amount). If a student's award needs to be cancelled or reduced, select the correct Enrollment Status (if different, then select Refund and finally enter the amount that the award needs to be reduced by).



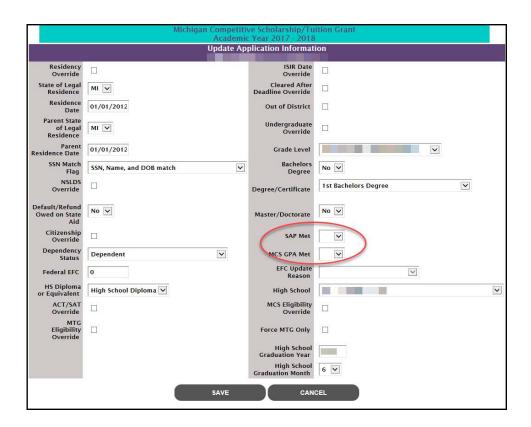
Requesting Reinstatement

A student is on the Request Reinstatement interface if they were certified as 'No' for the term. To request reinstatement for one or more of these students, navigate to the Request Reinstatement menu item under the Michigan Competitive Scholarship and select the term of the award to make a request for, then select the checkbox for the student(s) and click the 'Save' button. This does not guarantee that an award can then be certified and paid on the account. Once a request is made, it is up to the discretion of our office whether the award will be released. If the award is released, the student will appear on the certification roster as normal.

Reporting GPA and SAP

Students must meet and maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), as monitored by your institution. Students are eligible to receive program funds while in conditional SAP. For monitoring Grade Point Average (GPA), MCS requires a 2.0 GPA. GPA and SAP are to be monitored separately. The cumulative GPA for MCS is to be monitored annually (end of Spring). If the student is below the minimum required GPA, they are not eligible for the following year's award. If the student enrolls for Summer, and the cumulative GPA increases and the student meets the minimum GPA required, then the award for the following year may be given.

If a student does not meet the GPA or SAP requirements, go into the student record and select the 'Update Application Information' button. Use the scroll bar to select NO for the appropriate selection of SAP Met or MCS GPA Met and select the 'Save' button.



Determining 4th Quarter Payment and Balancing

Institutions can project the amount expected to receive or be owed back to our office during the 4th Quarter using the equation below. Since MCS and MTG are aggregate programs, the institution certifies the enrollment of awardees and receives a quarterly percentage of their total aggregate amount.

The equation:

(Total Award) - (Total Payment Amount) =4th Quarter Payment Amount

Total Award = {Sum of all awards for program across all semesters for current-year}

Total Payment Amount = [1st Quarter Payment + 2nd Quarter Payment + 3rd Quarter Payment]

To gather this information, use the School Totals Report and look at the Total Award figure (calculated on the last page of the report). To find the Quarter 1 - Quarter 3 payment amounts, open the program's menu (Michigan Competitive Scholarship or Michigan Tuition Grant), then School Profile, then Payment History. The Payment Amount column indicates funds that were disbursed to your institution.

If you find a discrepancy between what you were expecting to receive and what you are projected to receive, please contact <u>mistudentaid@michigan.gov</u> or 888-447-2687. If your institution owes funds back, communication will be sent to your institution. If your institution is balanced and agrees with the amount listed within MiSSG, please send notification to <u>mistudentaid@michigan.gov</u> confirming this.

MICHIGAN TUITION GRANT (MTG) FEATURES

School Profile

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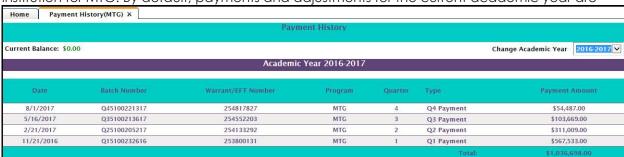
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MTG Clear Ineligible Reasons

The Clear Ineligible Reasons displays a listing of students based on ineligible reasons of:

- Citizenship Status
- Non-Michigan Resident
- Loan Default and/or Refund Owed on Federal Financial Aid
- Satisfactory Academic Progress Not Met or GPA Requirement Not Met

The quantity of students on each list is next to each ineligible reason. In the example below, six students at the institution are currently not eligible due to Non-Michigan Resident status and three due to Loan Default. When one of the ineligible reasons is selected, it will provide the student SSN, name, address, and a checkbox. If your institution has documentation on file to clear the student of the ineligibility reason, check the box to do an override, and click on the 'Save' button.



MTG Certification

Exact dates for a term's certification request window are promoted through GovDelivery messages to aid administrators; however, estimated availability is Fall-September, Spring-January, and Summer-June. The certification process is conducted for the current academic year. The two methods of certifying awards in MiSSG are uploading a file to process awards in batch or using the online interface to process awards individually.

MTG Certification Rosters

Each MTG award is required to be certified prior to being included in quarterly payment files. Awards can be certified with an uploaded text file that the institution can create from the Download Roster File. The uploaded file must meet the specifications listed in the MCS and MTG Upload Certification Roster File Format which is available at www.michigan.gov/missg in the 'MiSSG File Formats for College Administrators' section.

Alternatively, certification may occur for students individually by using the online interface method. To do so, navigate to the Certification menu item under the Michigan Tuition Grant menu, select a term, and click the 'Certification Roster' button.

Download Certification Roster

The user selects a term and selects 'Download Roster' and the Verify Criteria interface is displayed.



The user selects 'Download File' and the File Requests interface is displayed. The file's status is displayed as "File request has been received and is awaiting processing" until it is ready for downloading. The user can refresh the File Request interface (or may select File Requests from the main menu) until the download icon is displayed for the requested file. The file status will display as "The file has completed successfully." The user can save the file to their computer.

A student is in the Download Certification Roster file if a payment record exists for the term. The layout of the Download Certification Roster file is Comma Separated Values (CSV) and all fields are delimited by a comma (,) and a Carriage Return Line Feed (CRLD) at the end of each row. A student is contained in the Download Certification Roster file if a payment record exists for the term in a status of "Ready to Certify." Below is the CSV file format.

To complete certification, the file can be processed through the upload feature.

ertify for the term The format for All fields are de	the file is "Comn	ayout – used to identify who is available for the school to as Separated Values" (CSV) ama (,) LF) at the end of each row
Field Name	Туре	Field Description
Academic Year	Numeric	Award Year (all records in the file contain the same value) Uses ending year - if the acyear is 2014-2015 this field will contain 2015
Payment Term	Alphanumeric	Term being certified (all records in file contain the same value) Valid values include: "Fall" "Winter" "Spring" "Summer"
School OE Code	Alphanumeric	School OE Code (all records in file will contain same value)
Aid Program	Alphanumeric	Aid Program being awarded (all records in file contain the same value) Valid values include: "MCS" "MTG"
SSN	Numeric	Student's Social Security Number
Last Name	Alphanumeric	Student's Last Name
First Name	Alphanumeric	Student's First Name
Middle Initial	Alphanumeric	Student's Middle Initial
Enrollment Status	Alphanumeric	Student's Enrollment Status for the term Valid values include: *FT" - Full-time
Award Amount	Numeric	Student's Award Amount for the term - will contain decimal
Grade Level	Numeric	Student's Grade Level Valid values include: 10' - 14' Year, Never Attended 11' - 14' Year, Attended Before 22' - 20' Year, Sophomore 31' - 30' Year, Junior 44' - 49 Year, Senior 50' - 55' Year, Other Undergraduate 10' - Graduate/Professional
Check Count Remaining	Numeric	Student's remaining check count – will contain decimal
Federal EFC	Numeric	Student's Estimated Family Contribution (EFC)

Upload Certification Roster

The layout of the Upload Certification Roster File is "Comma Separated Values" (CSV), fields are delimited by a comma (,) and there is a Carriage Return Line Feed (CRLF) at the end of each row.

Upload Certification File Layout

Upload Certification File Layout – used to submit data to MiSSG to certify student awards for a term

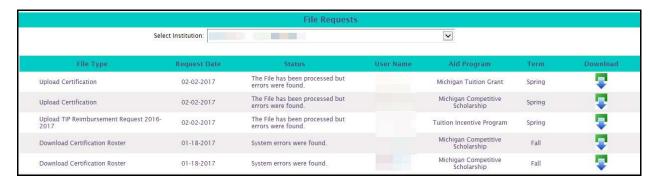
- . The format for the file is "Comma Separated Values" (CSV)
- All fields are delimited by a comma (,)
- . Carriage Return Line Feed (CRLF) at the end of each row

MAX Len	Field Name	Туре	Req	Field Description		
4	Academic Year	Numeric	Υ	Award Year (all records in the file must contain the same value) Use ending year - if the acyear is 2014-2015 this field must contain 2015)		
6	Payment Term	Alphanumeric	Υ	Term being Certified (all records in file must contain the same value) Valid values include: "Fall" "Winter" "Spring" "Summer"		
6	School OE Code	Alphanumeric	Y	School OE Code (all records in file must contain same value)		
10	Aid Program	Alphanumeric	Y	Aid Program being awarded (all records in file must contain same value) Valid values include: "MCS" "MTG"		
9	SSN	Numeric	Y	Student's Social Security Number		
16	Last Name	Alphanumeric	Y	Student's Last Name		
20	First Name	Alphanumeric	Y	Student's First Name		
1	Middle Initial	Alphanumeric		Student's Middle Initial		
2	Enrollment Status	Alphanumeric	Υ	Student's Enrollment Status for term Valid Values include: "FT" = Full-time "TT" = 3/4-time "HT" = Half-time "LT" = Less than half-time "NE" = Not Enrolled		
7	Award Amount	Numeric	Y	School's Award Amount Can contain a decimal – for example, if sending an award amount for \$915, 915.00 will process to same way as 915		
1	Certification	Alphanumeric	Y	Certification Status Valid values include: "Y" - Yes "N" - No		

Upload Certification File Layout

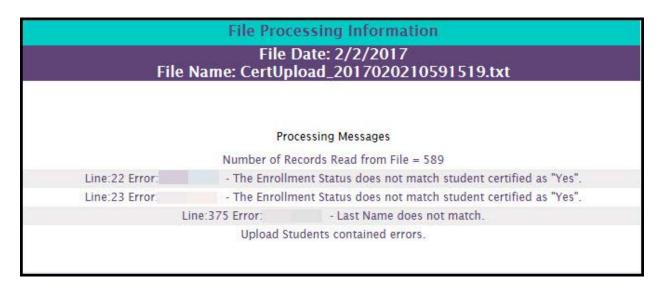
MAX Len	Field Name	Туре	Req	Field Description
1	No Award Reason	Alphanumeric	Req if Certification Status = "N"	Reason student is not receiving award Valid values include: "H" – Less than Half-time "N" – Not Enrolled – Term "Y" – Not Enrolled – Year "C" – Co-op "S" – SAP Not Met "G" – GPA Not Met "C" – Overaward "L" – Leave of Absence "V" – Verification Incomplete "I" – Incarcerated "D" – Declined "P" – Ineligible Program "T" – Other
14	Reason Award Amount Lowered	Alphanumeric		School reason award amount was lowered Valid Values include: "Overaward" "Other Gift Aid" "Other"

The user selects a term and selects Upload Roster and the Verify Criteria interface is displayed. The user browses to the file they wish to upload, then selects the 'Upload' button. Once the user selects the 'Upload' button, the File Request screen will be displayed. The file's status is displayed as "File has been received and is awaiting processing" until it has completed uploading.



It is important that the aid administrator checks the file request to verify if the file was successful or not. The status "The file has completed successfully" will display if there were no rejected records. Non-rejected records will have processed though. "The file has been processed but errors were found" status will display if there were rejected records.

To find out what errors are within a file, click on the status message. The status will indicate the line the error was found on and the cause of the error. The "System errors were found" status message will display if there was a problem with the file's layout. No records or awards were processed if this displays.



Reject Reason Displayed in MiSSG	Meaning		
Invalid XX value	Invalid data		
Required fields not populated	Required fields not populated		
Matching record not found for term certified	No match on SSN		
Aid Program not valid for SSN	No match on Aid Program for the uploaded SSN		
Inst OE Code in record does not match user info	No match on Institution OE Code		
Payment terms are different	No match on Payment Term		
First Name in MiSSG does not match	No match on First Name		
Last Name in MiSSG does not match	No match on Last Name		
ACYear is not current ACYear	Academic Year value in the file is not the current		
	Academic Year		
Matching payment is not "Ready to	Payment Status on database is not "Ready to		
Certify"	Certify"		
"Award Amount" cannot equal 0 if	Payment amount is "0" and Certification status in		
student is certified as "Yes"	file is "Y"		
"Award Amount" cannot be	Payment amount is greater than "0" and		
greater than 0 if student is certified as "No"	Certification status in file is "N"		
The "Award Amount" exceeds maximum award	The "Award Amount" cannot exceed the		
	calculated award amount for the selected		
	enrollment status		
No Award Reason does not match "Enrollment	If "No Award Reason" = "H" then "Enrollment		
Status"	Status" must = "LT" OR if "No Award Reason" =		
	"N" then "Enrollment Status" must = "NE"		
"Enrollment Status" does not match student	"Enrollment Status" must be "FT," "TT," or "HT" if		
certified as "Yes"	Certification Status is "Y"		

Payment will not be made for a line if any errors exist. The only exception is "No matching payment was found with a status of 'Ready to Certify.' This error is generally thrown when a second attempt is made to certify an award that was already successfully certified by a previous upload file.

Online Certification

Completing certification through the Online Certification process is a slower process compared to utilizing the Upload File process. Using Online Certification is a manual process where students are processed individually. The user indicates to certify from Pending to Yes or No. The Enrollment Status is selected. If the award needs to be reduced or cancelled, this is indicated in the field. A reason must be provided when reducing awards, i.e.:

- Overaward
- Other Gift Aid
- Other

Zero award (\$0) reasons must also have a reason given which may be any of the following:

- Less Than Half-time
- Not Enrolled
- Co-op
- SAP Not Met
- GPA Not Met
- Overaward
- Leave of Absence
- Verification Incomplete
- Incarcerated
- Declined
- Ineligible Program
- Other

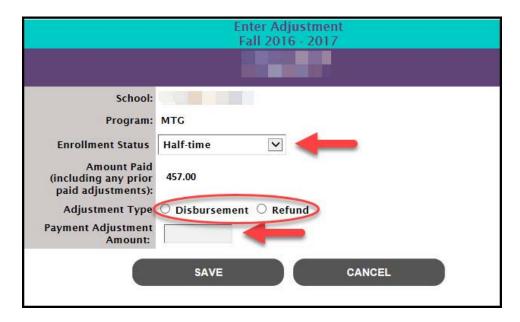
Adjusting MTG Awards

If an award needs to be adjusted after the certification process is complete it can be adjusted in the Student Payment History. Enter the student's information in the MiSSG search options or Quick View. Click on 'Payment History' and select the award that needs to be updated.



Select the adjustment type, a Disbursement or Refund. A Disbursement is selected when more funds are being requested. For example, if a student was certified incorrectly at half-time and should be full-time, select the correct enrollment level, then the Disbursement section, and then indicate in the Payment Adjustment Amount field the difference between what is currently paid and what the amount is increasing to.

For instance, if a student is half-time at \$458 but should be full-time, select full-time for the enrollment status, Disbursement, then adjustment amount of \$457 (\$458+\$457=\$915 full-time semester award amount). If a student's award needs to be cancelled or reduced, select the correct Enrollment Status (if different, then select Refund and finally enter the amount that the award needs to be reduced by).

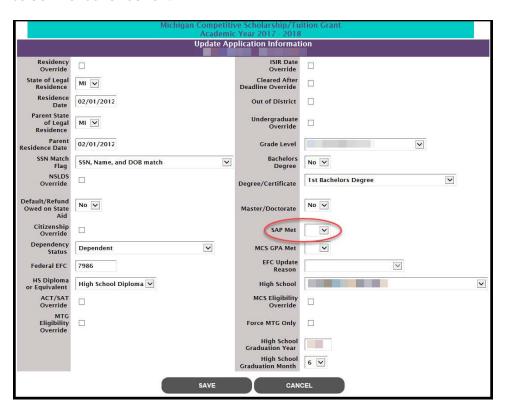


Requesting Reinstatement

A student is on the Request Reinstatement interface if they were certified as 'No' for the term. To request reinstatement for one or more of these students, navigate to the Request Reinstatement menu item under the Michigan Tuition Grant and select the term of the award to make a request for, then select the checkbox for the student(s) and click the 'Save' button. This does not guarantee that an award can then be certified and paid on the account. Once a request is made, it is up to the discretion of our office whether the award will be released. If the award is released, the student will appear on the certification roster as normal.

Reporting SAP

Students must meet and maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), as monitored by your institution. Students are eligible to receive program funds while in conditional SAP. If a student does not meet the SAP requirements, go into the student record and select the 'Update Application Information' button. Use the scroll bar to select NO for the appropriate selection of SAP Met and select the 'Save' button.



Determining 4th Quarter Payment and Balancing

Institutions can project the amount expected to receive or be owed back to our office during the 4th Quarter using the equation below. Since MCS and MTG are aggregate programs, the institution certifies the enrollment of awardees and receives a quarterly percentage of their total aggregate amount.

The equation:

(Total Award) - (Total Payment Amount) = 4th Quarter Payment Amount

Total Award = {Sum of all awards for program across all semesters for current-year}

Total Payment Amount = [1st Quarter Payment + 2nd Quarter Payment + 3rd Quarter Payment]

To gather this information, use the School Totals Report and look at the Total Award figure (calculated on the last page of the report). To find the Quarter 1 - Quarter 3 payment amounts, open the program's menu (Michigan Competitive Scholarship or Michigan Tuition Grant), then School Profile, then Payment History. The Payment Amount column indicates funds that were disbursed to your institution.

If you find a discrepancy between what you were expecting to receive and what you are projected to receive, please contact mistudentaid@michigan.gov or 888-447-2687. If your institution owes funds back, communication will be sent to your institution. If your institution is balanced and agrees with the amount listed within MiSSG, please send notification to mistudentaid@michigan.gov confirming this.

TUITION INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TIP) FEATURES

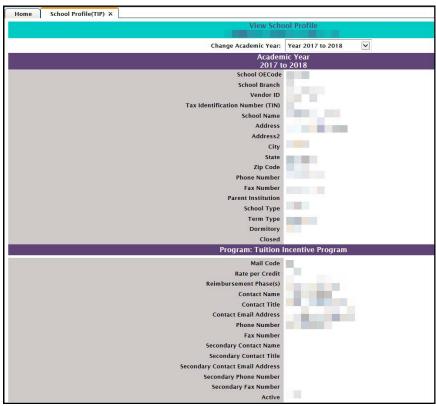
School Profile

Contact information for your institution is stored in your school profile. It is important to keep this record up to date.

Contact information is program specific. If you have different staff working on different State of Michigan programs, you will need to provide separate contact information for each program under the School Profile tab.

To view/update your profile information for TIP, click the 'Tuition Incentive Program' menu item on the left navigation bar. Then click on 'School Profile.'





TIP Payment History

The Payment History section displays information about TIP payments made to your institution during the selected academic year. The date of the payment, the quarter the payment was made, and the amount of the payment is provided.

To view Payment History, click the 'Tuition Incentive Program' menu item on the left navigation bar. Then click on 'Payment History.'





TIP Reimbursement Request Download File

To download a list of your eligible TIP students, click the 'Tuition Incentive Program' menu item on the left navigation bar. Click on 'TIP Reimbursement Request.'



Select the semester/term you want to download a roster for. Then click the 'Download Roster' button. (We suggest using this file as a starting point to create your Upload Reimbursement file.) The File Requests screen appears.

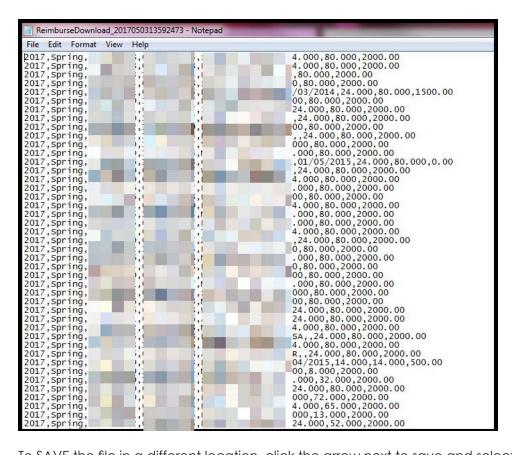


Observe the status column of the File Requests screen. After a minute or two, if you do not see "The File has completed successfully" message, click the 'Refresh' button at the bottom of the screen. When the file has completed (step 1), you can download the file by clicking on the download arrow icon on the right side of the file request's line (step 2).

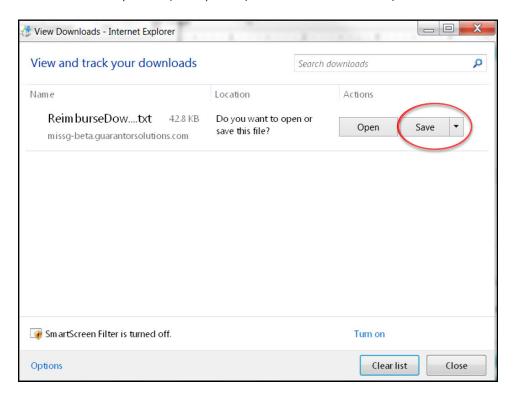


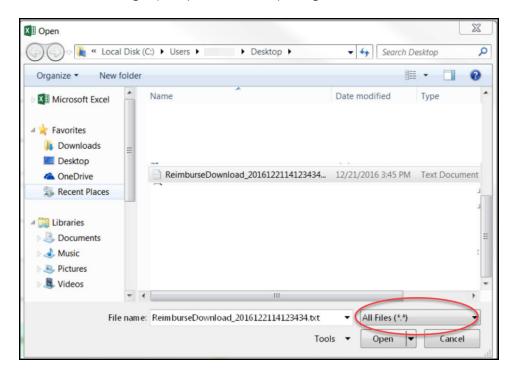


After clicking on the download icon, you will be given the option to OPEN or SAVE the file.



To SAVE the file in a different location, click the arrow next to save and select Save As instead. It is recommended (not required) that you rename the file as you save it.

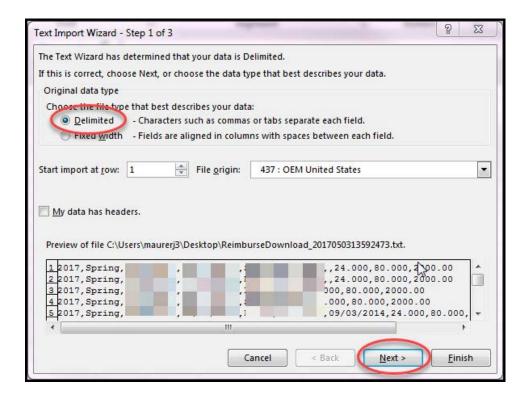




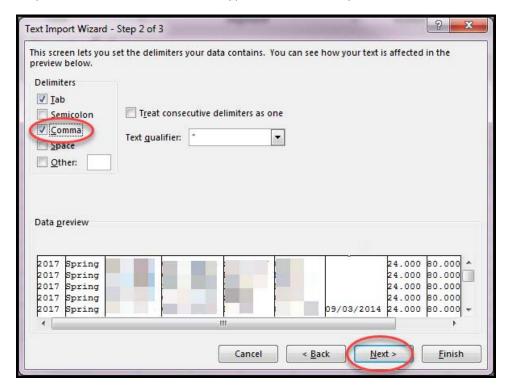
Change the "file type" to All Files (*.*) to allow Excel to locate your .txt file.

The Text Import Wizard will appear after you select your text file and click open.

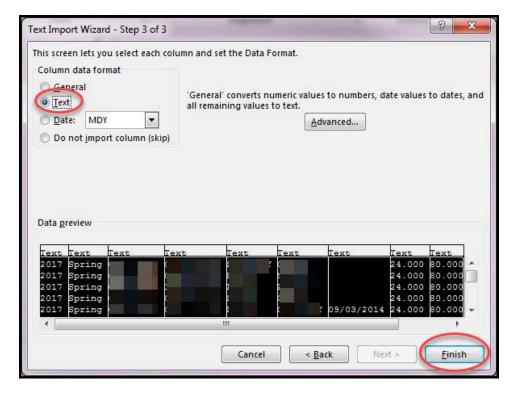
Step 1 – Select 'Delimited' as the type of file. Then click the Next button.



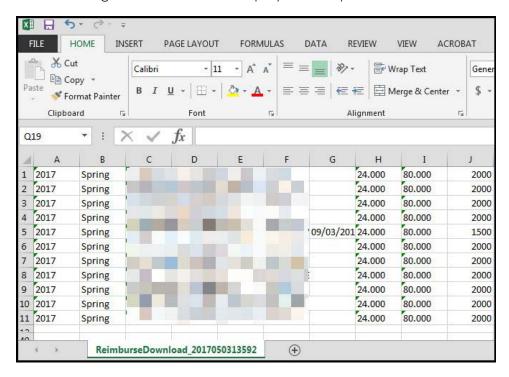
Step 2 – Select 'Comma' as the type of delimiter in your file. Then click the 'Next' button.



Step 3 – Highlight the columns in the Data Preview pane and choose 'Text' as the column data format. Then click the 'Finish' button.



Your file of eligible students will be displayed as a spreadsheet.



Your download file is a Comma Separated Values (CSV) format. All fields are delimited by a comma and there is a Carriage Return Line Feed (CRLF) at the end of each row. Your download file contains the following fields:

Carriage Return L	ited by a comm ine Feed (CRLF	a (,) f) at the end of each row
Field Name	Туре	Field Description
Academic Year	Numeric	Award Year (all records in the file will contain the same value) Use ending year - if the acyear is 2015-2016 this field must contain 2016)
Term	Alphanumeric	Term being requested for reimbursement (all records in file must contain the same value) Valid values include: "Fall" "Winter" "Spring" "Summer"
SSN	Numeric	Student's Social Security Number
Date of Birth	Date (mm/dd/ccyy)	Student's Date of Birth – will include slashes
Last Name	Alphanumeric	Student's Last Name
First Name	Alphanumeric	Student's First Name
Date Eligible for Phase II	Date (mm/dd/ccyy)	Only populated if already on file from a prior Phase II reimbursement – will include slashes
Phase I Annual Credits Remaining	Numeric	Remaining annual Phase I credits – will contain decimal
Phase I Total Credits Remaining	Numeric	Remaining total Phase I credits – will contain decimal
Phase II Total Amount Remaining	Numeric	Remaining total Phase II dollars – will contain decimal

Columns needed (from this file) for your Upload reimbursement file are:

- Column A Academic Year
- Column B Term
- Column C SSN
- Column D Date of Birth
- Column E Last Name
- Column F First Name
- Column G Date Eligible for Phase II

Columns H, I, and J provide remaining credits in Phase I and available dollars in Phase II. You will delete columns H, I, and J before adding the data needed for your upload file.

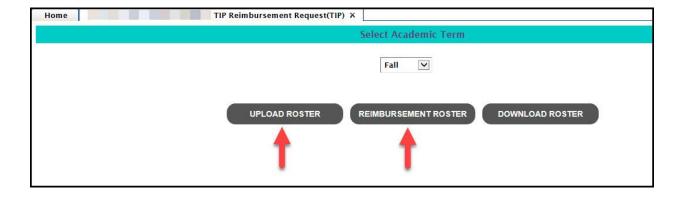
TIP Reimbursement Request

To request reimbursement, click the 'Tuition Incentive Program' menu item on the left navigation bar. Then click on 'TIP Reimbursement Request.'



You will be given two reimbursement choices:

- Upload Roster (Batch Reimbursement Requests)
- Reimbursement Roster (Individual Student Requests)



It is always recommended to use the most recent download file possible when creating an upload file.

Request Reimbursement Using Upload Roster

You can use your download roster as a starting point or you can create a new file to upload to MiSSG. Your upload file must be in a CSV format. All fields must be delimited by a comma, including non-required or empty fields. Every row must contain 13 fields. Your file must follow the file format below.

Upload TIP Reimbursement Request File Layout

- . The format for the file is "Comma Separated Values" (CSV)
- All fields are delimited by a comma (,) even non-required fields. Every row must contain 12 commas.
- . Carriage Return Line Feed (CRLF) at the end of each row

Column A

Column B

Column C Column D Column E Column F

Column G

Column H

Column I Column J

Column K

Column L

Column M

MAX Len	Field Name	Туре	Req	Field Description
4	4 Academic Year Numeric Y		Υ	Award Year (all records in the file must contain the same value) Use ending year - if the acyear is 2015- 2016 this field must contain 2016)
6	Term	Alphanumeric	Υ	Term being requested for reimbursem (all records in file must contain the sai value) Valid values include: "Fall" "Winter" "Spring" "Summer"
9	SSN	Numeric	Υ	Student's Social Security Number
10	Date of Birth	Date (mm/dd/ccyy)	Υ	Student's Date of Birth – must include slashes
16	Last Name	Alphanumeric		Student's Last Name
20	First Name	Alphanumeric		Student's First Name
10	Date Eligible for Phase II	Date (mm/dd/ccyy)	Req if Phase = '2'	Date student eligible for Phase II – must include the slashes
1	Phase	Alphanumeric	Y	Phase Valid values include: "1" – Phase I "2" – Phase II
5	Credits	Numeric	Req if Phase = '1'	Credit hours - may contain a decimal
8	Tuition	Numeric	Req if Phase = '1'	Tuition charged to TIP - may contain a decimal
6	Mandatory Fees	Numeric	Req if Phase = '1'	Total Mandatory Fees - may contain a decimal
1	District Status	Alphanumeric Req if Phase and school i Community		District status Valid Values include: "1" – In-District "2" – Out-of-District
5	Award Amount	Numeric	Req if Phase = '2'	School's Award Amount - may contain a decimal

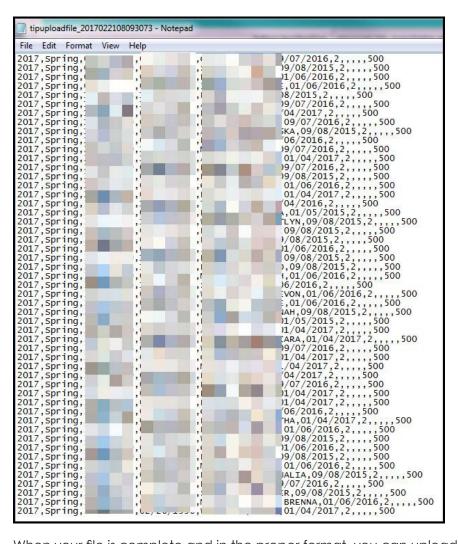
If not using the downloaded roster, prior to uploading your file, you should compare the students in your upload file to the list of eligible students in MiSSG. If students do not appear on the list from MiSSG, you must contact SSG and request those students to be transferred to your institution PRIOR to uploading your file for reimbursement. You can also request that students go to the MiSSG Student Portal and select your institution as their school of choice.

- Column G: Date Eligible for Phase II
 - Establishing the date that the student became eligible for Phase II.
 - This includes:
 - o Obtained 56 transferable semester (or 84 transferable term) credits.
 - o Obtained a certificate (minimum of one year) or associate degree.

- Column H: Phase
 - Determines the type of TIP reimbursement being requested for the student.
 - If a student is utilizing Phase I, use the value "1."
 - Selecting Phase I requires Columns I, J, and K to be completed.
 - o Column L is also required if your institution is a Community College.
 - Column M must be present but remain empty.
 - If a student is utilizing Phase II, use the value "2."
 - Selecting Phase II requires that Columns G and M be completed.
 - o Columns I, J, K, and L must be present but remain empty.
 - Column I: Credits
 - Only list the credit hours that are TIP eligible.
 - Courses must be within the degree (certificate/associate) program.
- Column J: Tuition
 - Enter the total value of the tuition which will be reimbursed.
 - This does not include mandatory fees.
- Column K: Mandatory Fees
 - Mandatory fees are fees charged to all students at all campuses as a condition of enrollment and must be identified in the institution course catalog. Mandatory fees cannot exceed \$250 at all campus locations per semester/term.
 - This does not include tuition.
- Column L: District Status (Community Colleges only)
 - Determines the tuition rate of TIP reimbursement being requested for the student.
 - If a student is In-District, use the value "1."
 - o The tuition rate will be the In-District Tuition Rate per Credit within the School Profile.
 - If a student is Out-of-District, use the value "2."
 - The tuition rate will be the Out-of-District Tuition Rate per Credit within the School Profile.
 - Definitions of district status can be found within the <u>State Programs Procedures Manual</u>.
- Column M: Award Amount
 - This is the value of the Phase II reimbursement.

After verifying every student you wish to include in your reimbursement request is listed in your upload file, you must make sure your file is in a CSV format before uploading to MiSSG.

When viewed as text, your file should look like the example below. The example shows both Phase I and Phase II students.



When your file is complete and in the proper format, you can upload the file to MiSSG.

To upload your file:

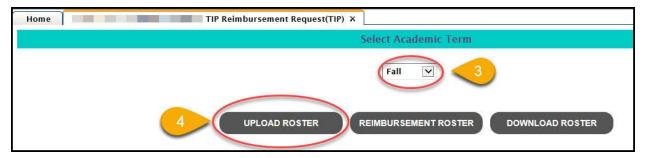
1. Click on the 'Tuition Incentive Program' menu item on the left navigation bar.



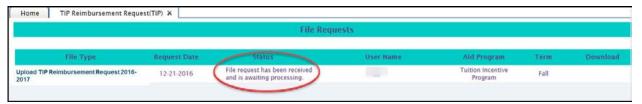
2. Click on 'TIP Reimbursement Request.'



- 3. Select the 'Academic Term' you are requesting reimbursement for.
- 4. Click the' Upload Roster' button.



Next you will see the status of your uploaded file. The message "File request has been received and is awaiting processing" means MiSSG is waiting to process the file. Eventually, the message will change to "The file is being executed."



Check the status in a few minutes. If your file processed successfully, you will see the message "The File has completed successfully."



It is important that the aid administrator checks the file request to verify if the file was successful or not. The status "The file has completed successfully" will display if there were no rejected records. Non-rejected records will have processed though. "The file has been processed but errors were found" status will display if there were rejected records.



To find out what errors are within a file, click on the status message. The status will indicate the line the error was found on and the cause of the error. The "System errors were found" status message will display if there was a problem with the file's layout. No records or awards were processed if this displays. Refer to the <u>Upload File</u> format for file specifications.



It is important to check to see all records were processed correctly. If records did not process, then the reimbursement request was not received by MiSSG. When quarterly payment files are created, only received reimbursement requests are included for payment.

Click the status message to view a description of the errors.

File Processing Information
File Date: 11/30/2016 File Name: tipuploadfile_2016113015460167.txt
Processing Messages
Number of Records Read from File = 520
Line:26 Error: - The Date of Birth entered does not match the Date of Birth for the associated SSN.
Line:42 Error Student has been certified as NotEnrolled for another aid program for this term.
Line:290 Error: - The Date of Birth entered does not match the Date of Birth for the associated SSN.
Line: 466 Error - The SSN entered does not match any TIP students.
Line:493 Error: - Credit hours have exceeded the maximum.
Upload Students contained errors.
FILE REQUESTS

In the example above, 520 records were read, 515 records had Reimbursement Requests created, and the five with errors were not processed. The five records that failed to process will have the error reason listed:

- Line 26 The student's Date of Birth (DOB) in the file was different from the DOB in MiSSG's records.
- Line 42 The student had been certified as "not enrolled" for either the Michigan Competitive Scholarship or the Michigan Tuition Grant at your school for the same term as this reimbursement request. You may need to contact SSG to resolve this error.
- Line 290 The student's DOB in your file was different from the DOB in our records. You will need to verify the correct DOB and resubmit the request for reimbursement.
- Line 466 SSN in your file does not match any TIP students. Verify you have the correct SSN. If the SSN is correct, contact SSG to verify the SSN on file in MiSSG and update if necessary.
- Line 493 Credit hours have exceeded the maximum. This error message appears when you are billing for more credit hours than the student has available. You should verify the amount of credits available by inspecting the student's record, your download file, or contacting SSG for verification.

In all cases, adjustments to the upload file must be made and the students with errors must be submitted again.

It is always recommended to use the most recent download file possible when creating an upload file.

There are three ways to resubmit your request.

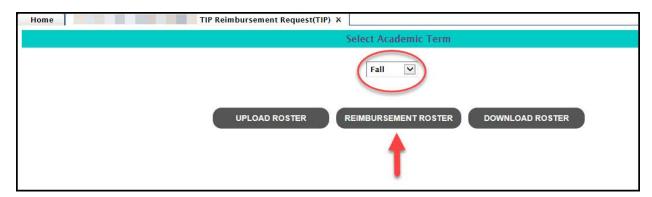
- 1. You can correct your original file and upload it again.
 - If you resubmit your original file with required corrections, you will see the following error messages for the student records that processed successfully the first time. There is no action required for these records. The system is simply indicating a request for reimbursement has already been received from your previous upload attempt.

File Processing Information		
File Date: 12/1/2016 File Name: tipuploadfile_2016120114164343.txt		
Processing Messages		
	Number of Records Read from File = 684	
Line:1 Error:	A reimbursement request already exists for this term; additional requests must be submitted online.	
Line:3 Error:	A reimbursement request already exists for this term; additional requests must be submitted online.	
Line:5 Error:	A reimbursement request already exists for this term; additional requests must be submitted online.	
Line:7 Error:	A reimbursement request already exists for this term; additional requests must be submitted online.	
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- 2. You can create and upload a new file with only the students who need to be resubmitted.
- 3. You can use the online Request Reimbursement feature for those students who need to be resubmitted.

Online Reimbursement Request

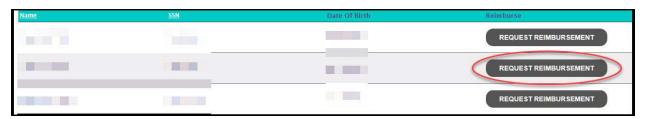
To begin online reimbursement, you will need to load your Reimbursement Roster. Select 'TIP' menu item 'TIP Reimbursement Request' from the drop down box the semester/term for which you are requesting reimbursement. Then click the 'Reimbursement Roster' button.



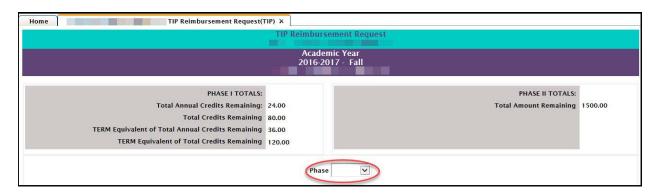
Your roster will show all eligible TIP students who have indicated your institution as their college of choice for the term selected on their FAFSA or via the MiSSG Student Portal.



Click the 'Request Reimbursement' button for the student you want to request reimbursement for.

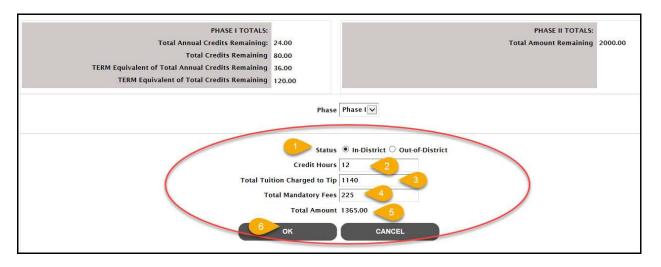


Select Phase I or Phase II from the drop down box.



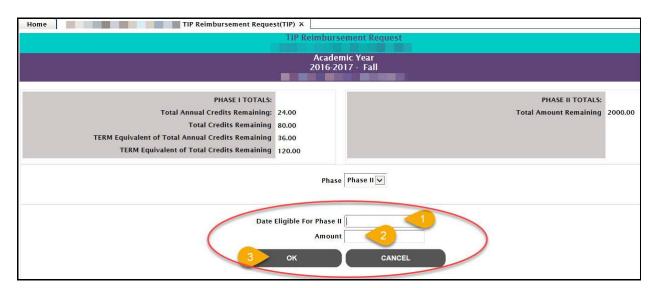
For Phase I

- 1. * Community Colleges Only: Click In-District or Out-of-District to indicate which rate you will be using.
- Enter number of credits billed to TIP.
 REMEMBER: A reimbursement cannot be for less than six credits unless the student has less than six credits remaining for the academic year or for Phase I overall.
- 3. Enter the tuition amount charged to TIP.
- 4. Enter the mandatory fee amount charged to TIP. If no fees are charged, you must enter a zero in the mandatory fee field.
- 5. The total amount charged (tuition plus mandatory fees) will calculate and appear next to Total Amount.
- 6. Click 'OK' to complete the student's Phase I reimbursement.



For Phase II

- 1. It is necessary to provide the date a student became eligible for Phase II. This is the date of the student's associate degree or the date that the student had a minimum of 56 transferable credits. The date will be entered only once.
- 2. Enter the tuition amount billed for Phase II. The maximum amount would be \$500 for a semester institution or \$400 for a term institution.
- Click 'OK' to complete processing the student's Phase II reimbursement.
 NOTE: The student's name will NOT disappear from your roster after you request reimbursement.



For each student who needs to have a reimbursement request created, click on their corresponding Request Reimbursement button and repeat steps 1 through 6 for Phase I or steps 1-3 for Phase II.

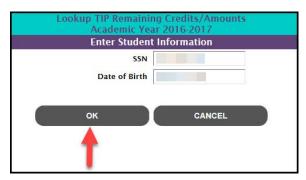
Lookup TIP Remaining Credits/Amounts

MiSSG provides authorized users the ability to verify how many Phase I credits or how much Phase II funding is available for eligible TIP students who have completed the TIP certification process.

You will need the student's:

- Complete SSN
- Date of Birth

Click 'OK' to see student's TIP record.

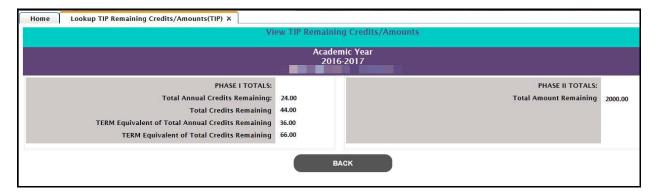




The example above shows:

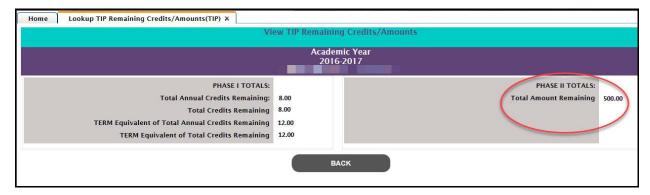
- Student has 24 credits (or 36 term credits) available for the current academic year.
- Student has 80 credits (or 120 term credits) remaining in Phase I.
- Student has \$2,000 available in Phase II.

Clicking the 'BACK' button will return you to the blank look-up screen.



The example above shows:

- The student has 24 semester credits (or 36 term credits) available in the current academic year.
- The student has 44 semester credits (or 66 term credits) remaining in Phase I.
- The student has \$2,000 available in Phase II.

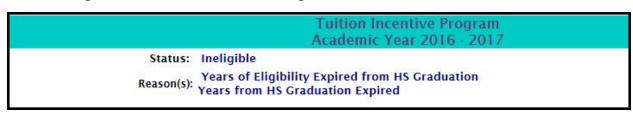


The example above shows:

- The student has previously used Phase II funds and is no longer eligible for Phase I benefits.
- The student has \$500 remaining in Phase II. The student previously received \$1,500.

TIP Application Status: Eligible and Ineligible Messages

Check the eligibility status of a TIP student. If status is Eligible, the student may receive TIP benefits. If status is ineligible, one or more of the following reasons will be listed:



Citizenship Status

Student must be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or approved refugee.

Ineligible Institution

Student must be attending an eligible institution for TIP. Ineligible institution flag will appear if no institution is selected.

Default or Refund Owed on State Financial Aid

Student must not be in default on State aid.

Default or refund owed on Federal financial aid, student must not be in default on Federal aid.

Student did not Self-certify

Student must self-certify prior to August 31st of the year of high school graduation and before age 20.

Years of Eligibility Expired from HS Graduation

Student's eligibility will expire six years from the date of high school graduation.

Years from HS Graduation Expired

Student must initiate TIP within four years from date of high school graduation.

Medicaid Eligibility History Not Met

Student did not meet the 24 months of qualifying Medicaid within a 36 consecutive month period prior to high school graduation.

No Funds Remaining

Student has no remaining Phase II funds.

HS Graduation Date Not on File

Student must have graduation date on file.

Did Not Self-certify in Time

Window of opportunity to self-certify has closed.

Student Turned 20 Years Old Prior to HS Graduation

Student must graduate from high school or receive GED or certificate of completion prior to 20th birthday.

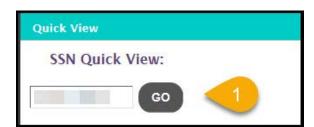
Adjustments for TIP Reimbursement

Refunds

You no longer have to send a check to the State of Michigan to return funds for the Tuition Incentive Program because MiSSG will net out payments across quarters. The ONLY time you will send a refund check is after 4th quarter payments have been made and you have received specific communications from SSG.

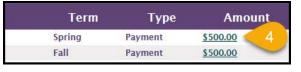
To process a refund through MiSSG:

- 1. Enter the student's SSN in the SSN Quick View box.
- 2. Click on 'Payment History.'
- 3. In the shaded purple area, look for the current academic year for which you need to return funds.
- 4. Click on the payment amount you need to adjust. The amount will be a link to the refund screen.





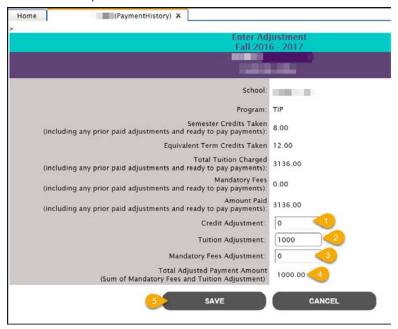




NOTE: You must have TIP Administrator 1 user rights to process TIP refunds.

NOTE: For each of the refund examples provided, follow steps 1 through 4 above, then select the example that best fits your refund situation.

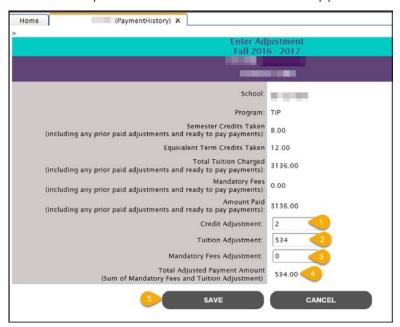
Refund Example #1 – Refund due to other financial aid.



A student had an outside scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

- 1. Enter Credit Adjustment. (In this example, it is zero because you do not reduce credit hours when applying other aid.)
- 2. Enter Tuition Adjustment. (In this example, it is 1000 because that is the amount of the outside scholarship and the amount you want to reduce the reimbursement by.)
- 3. Enter Mandatory Fees Adjustment. (In this example, it is zero because you are not reducing mandatory fees.)
- 4. Verify sum of adjustment is correct.
- 5. Click the 'SAVE' button.

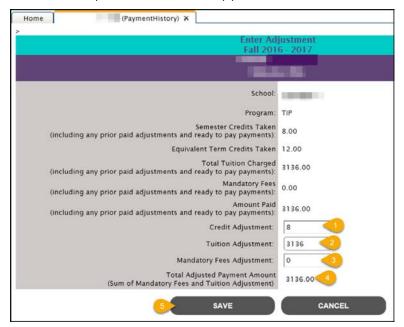
Refund Example #2 - Refund due to student dropped/withdrew from class(es).



A student dropped two credits at 100% refund. Amount to reduce reimbursement by is \$534.

- 1. Enter Credit Adjustment. (In this example, it is 2 because student dropped 2 credits.)
- 2. Enter Tuition Adjustment. (In this example, it is 534 because tuition reimbursement is reduced \$534.)
- 3. Enter Mandatory Fees Adjustment. (In this example, it is zero since the fees did not change.)
- 4. Verify sum of adjustment is correct.
- 5. Click the 'SAVE' button.

Refund Example #3 - Refund dropped/withdrew from classes to less than half-time enrollment status.

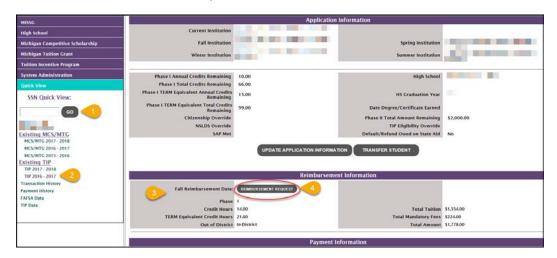


A student enrolled in eight credits drops four of them. The remaining four credits is considered less than half-time enrollment which is insufficient enrollment to receive reimbursement. The amount to be refunded is the full \$3,136 since all funds must be refunded as student must be enrolled at least half-time to use TIP.

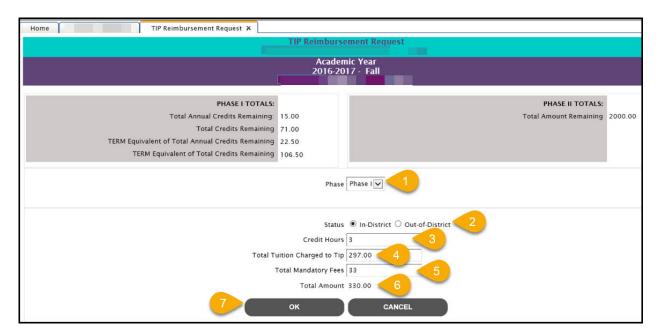
- 1. Enter Credit Adjustment. (In this example, it is eight because all credits must be reduced since none can be reimbursed at less than half-time enrollment.)
- 2. Enter Tuition Adjustment. (In this example, it is 3136 because that is the full value and of all credits being refunded.)
- 3. Enter Mandatory Fees Adjustment. (In this example, it is zero because fees are not being reduced because no fees were originally included in the reimbursement.)
- 4. Verify sum of adjustment is correct.
- 5. Click the 'SAVE' button.

Requesting Additional Credits

To process an adjustment through MiSSG (bill for additional credits). Example: Student added three credit class. Now it is necessary to bill TIP for three additional credit hours.



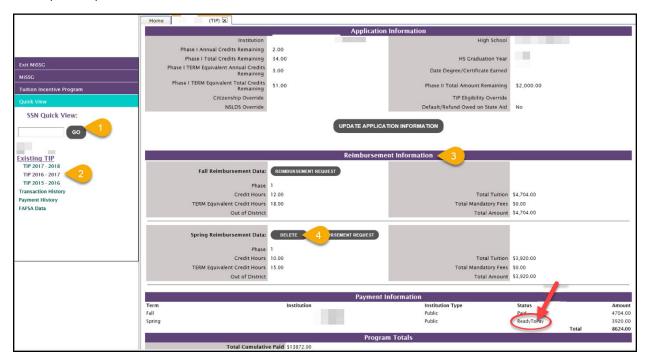
- 1. Enter the student's SSN in the SSN Quick View box.
- 2. Click on the current TIP year (example: TIP 2016-2017).
- 3. Scroll down the student's record until you see Reimbursement Request.
- 4. Click on the 'Reimbursement Request' button.



- 1. Select Phase I or Phase II (as applicable).
- 2. Select In-District or Out-of-District (as applicable). Only community colleges see this.
- 3. Enter credit hours to be added.
- 4. Enter Total Tuition Charged to TIP.
- 5. Enter Total Mandatory Fees. (Fees from additional reimbursements are still restricted to term maximums.)
- 6. Verify Total Amount.
- 7. Click 'OK.'

Reducing the Number of Credits - Before Payment

To process an adjustment to reduce the number of credits a student will be paid. Example: Student dropped a two credit class after reimbursement request was made in MiSSG. Payment is pending – Ready to Pay status.



- 1. Enter the student's SSN in Quick View Box.
- 2. Click on the current TIP year (example: TIP 2016-2017).
- 3. Scroll down on the student's record until you see Reimbursement Request.
- 4. Click on 'Delete.'
- 5. Request reimbursement for the correct number of credits using TIP Request Reimbursement feature. (Instructions begin on page 19.)



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